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2) a corrected geometric mean area under the curve (AUC)₀₋₂₄ of estrone sulfate of about 56 pg*hr/ml to about 84 pg*hr/ml.

9. The pessary of claim 8, wherein the pessary further provides a corrected geometric mean time to peak plasma concentration (T_{max}) of estrone sulfate of about 4 hrs to about 7 hrs.

10. A pessary comprising about 4 µg of 17β-estradiol in a solubilizing agent comprising a medium chain oil, wherein after a single administration of the pessary to a patient provides, in a plasma sample from the patient:

1) a corrected geometric mean peak plasma concentration (C_{max}) of 17β-estradiol of about 4 pg*hr/ml to about 8 pg*hr/ml; and

2) a corrected geometric mean area under the curve (AUC)₀₋₂₄ of 17β-estradiol of about 16 pg*hr/ml to about 26 pg*hr/ml, wherein 17β-estradiol is the only active hormone in the pessary.

11. The pessary of claim 10, wherein the pessary further provides a corrected geometric mean time to peak plasma concentration (T_{max}) of 17β-estradiol of about 0.25 hrs to about 2 hrs.

12. The pessary of claim 10, wherein administration of the pessary to a patient provides, in a plasma sample from the patient:

1) a corrected geometric mean peak plasma concentration (C_{max}) of estrone of about 1 pg*hr/ml to about 3 pg*hr/ml; and

2) a corrected geometric mean area under the curve (AUC)₀₋₂₄ of estrone of about 8 pg*hr/ml to about 13 pg*hr/ml.

13. The pessary of claim 12, wherein the pessary further provides a corrected geometric mean time to peak plasma concentration (T_{max}) of estrone of about 1 hrs to about 4 hrs.

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14. The pessary of claim 10, wherein administration of the pessary to a patient provides, in a plasma sample from the patient:

1) a corrected geometric mean peak plasma concentration (C_{max}) of estrone sulfate of about 4 pg*hr/ml to about 7 pg*hr/ml; and

2) a corrected geometric mean area under the curve (AUC)₀₋₂₄ of estrone sulfate of about 22 pg*hr/ml to about 34 pg*hr/ml.

15. The pessary of claim 14, wherein the pessary further provides a corrected geometric mean time to peak plasma concentration (T_{max}) of estrone sulfate of about 1 hrs to about 3 hrs.

16. The pessary of claim 1, wherein the medium chain oil comprises at least one C6-C12 fatty acid or a glycol, monoglyceride, diglyceride, or triglyceride ester thereof.

17. The pessary of claim 1, wherein the medium chain oil comprises a monoglyceride, diglyceride, or triglyceride ester of the at least one C6-C12 fatty acid.

18. The pessary of claim 4, wherein the medium chain oil comprises at least one C6-C12 fatty acid or a glycol, monoglyceride, diglyceride, or triglyceride ester thereof.

19. The pessary of claim 4, wherein the medium chain oil comprises a monoglyceride, diglyceride, or triglyceride ester of the at least one C6-C12 fatty acid.

20. The pessary of claim 10, wherein the medium chain oil comprises at least one C6-C12 fatty acid or a glycol, monoglyceride, diglyceride, or triglyceride ester thereof.

21. The pessary of claim 10, wherein the medium chain oil comprises a monoglyceride, diglyceride, or triglyceride ester of the at least one C6-C12 fatty acid.

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